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**The newly discovered tombs of artisans who built the Pyramids indicate that they were paid and respected.**

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- The Cemetery of the Pyramid Builders, located just beyond the Giza Pyramids, is more than 4,000 years old and is believed to be the final resting place of the people who worked on the Great Pyramids of Giza.

- The proximity of the tombs to the pyramids and the manner of burial in preparation for the afterlife negates the myth that slaves built the pyramids. Egypt's Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities Zahi Hawass has said that the discovery and these latest finds show that the workers were paid laborers.



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